

## CHAPTER 7: IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The establishment of a regional network of multi-use trails and bikeways in Fauquier County will require a partnership among the County, trail advocates, towns and villages, and the state. New greenway trails, multi-use pathways that extend along roadways, and sidewalk projects will need to be coordinated through various funding programs, including VDOT's Six Year Transportation Improvement Program. Since VDOT's programmed improvements are a response to requests made by local jurisdictions, it will be necessary for local governments to continue to advance high priority regional bikeway projects, including upgrades to substandard shared-use paths, locations for new trails and on-road bikeways, and bicycle retrofit projects during roadway resurfacing.

Most of the funding sources described below require a local match - up to 20% of the project cost, in some cases (with the exception of the Safe Routes to Schools Program, which is 100% Federal funding). Fortunately, in kind donations of materials, labor, and land can be used as matching funds. Through a creative strategy of volunteer assistance and land donation, other Virginia counties have been able to generate matching funds with very little capital outlay.

It is recommended that Fauquier County establish a source of reserve funds that can be used as matching funds. These funds can be generated through donations from community groups, through the proffer system, and through the capital budget if necessary.

The following is a description of various funding opportunities available through VDOT (information derived from a VDOT brochure entitled *VDOT Funding for Bicycling and Walking Accommodations*).

### **Rural Transportation Planning Program**

<i>Purpose</i>	This program provides funds to planning district commissions to carry out transportation planning for rural areas.
<i>Funding</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Federal funds finance 80% of program activities and grants</li> <li>▪ A match of at least 20% from a planning district commission or locality is required</li> </ul>
<i>Eligible projects</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pedestrian and bicycle planning, greenway planning</li> </ul>
<i>Eligible applicants</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Planning district commissions</li> </ul>
<i>Contact</i>	VDOT district offices – <a href="http://www.VirginiaDOT.org">www.VirginiaDOT.org</a>

### **Highway Construction Program**

<i>Purpose</i>	This program provides funding for the preliminary engineering, right of way acquisition, and construction of highway projects.
<i>Funding</i>	No local match is needed for projects on primary and secondary system roads. A 2% local match is required for projects on urban system roads
<i>Eligible projects</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pedestrian and bicycle accommodations can be built as part of highway projects</li> <li>▪ Pedestrian and bicycle accommodations can be built as individual projects, separate from the construction of highways, either on highway or independent right of way</li> </ul>

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**Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program**

Purpose	This program was developed to implement safety projects addressing pedestrian and bicycle crashes or the potential for such crashes, with evaluations based on risk and applications competing with like projects.
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to 90% of a project can be financed with federal funds</li> <li>A project must have a minimum 10% match</li> </ul>
Eligible projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction of on-street facilities and shared use paths</li> <li>Development of treatments for intersections</li> <li>Installation of signs and pavement markings</li> </ul>
Eligible applicants	State and local agencies may apply to the program
Contact	VDOT Mobility Management Division – <a href="mailto:HSIPProgram@vdot.virginia.gov">HSIPProgram@vdot.virginia.gov</a> 804-786-9094

**Transportation Enhancement Program**

Purpose	This program is an initiative to focus on enhancing the travel experience and fostering the quality of life in American communities
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to 80% of a project can be financed with federal funds. A local match of at least 20%, from other public or private sources, is required.</li> <li>Local matches may be in-kind contributions including tangible property, professional services and volunteer labor</li> <li>This is a reimbursable program</li> </ul>
Eligible projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pedestrian and bicycle facilities such as sidewalks, bike lanes and shared use paths</li> <li>Pedestrian and bicycle safety and educational activities such as classroom projects, safety handouts and directional signage for trails</li> <li>Preservation of abandoned railway corridors such as the development of a rails-to-trails facility</li> </ul>
Eligible applicants	Any local government, state agency, group or individual may apply to the program. All projects need to be formally endorsed by a local jurisdiction or public agency.
Contact	VDOT district offices – <a href="http://www.VirginiaDOT.org">www.VirginiaDOT.org</a> Transportation Enhancement Program Staff, VDOT Local Assistance Division

**Safe Routes to Schools Program – NEW PROGRAM**

Purpose	This program provides funding for engineering, education, enforcement and encouragement projects that are aimed at making it safer and more appealing for children to walk and bicycle to school.
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>100% of the cost of the program can be financed with Federal funds</li> <li>No match is required.</li> <li>This is a reimbursable program</li> </ul>
Eligible projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engineering projects such as traffic calming, sidewalk installation, intersection improvements, warning signage and crosswalks markings, among others</li> <li>Education programs such as pedestrian and bicycle safety classes, bike rodeos, and motorist education programs</li> <li>Encouragement programs such as Walking School Buses, Bike Trains, Walk to School Day, and other incentives to encourage children and their parents to walk and bicycle to school.</li> </ul>
Eligible applicants	Any local government, state agency, or non-profit may apply to the program.
Contact	To be announced – for more information, see <a href="http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/saferoutes/">http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/saferoutes/</a>

**Recreation Access Program**

<i>Purpose</i>	This program provides bicycle access to public recreational facilities or historic sites operated by a state agency, a locality, or a local authority, either with an access road or on a separate bicycle facility.
<i>Funding</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ This program uses state funds only.</li> <li>▪ Up to \$75,000 may be awarded for bicycle access to a facility operated by a state agency.</li> <li>▪ UP to \$60,000 may be awarded for bicycle access to a facility operated by a locality or local authority, with a \$15,000 match.</li> </ul>
<i>Eligible projects</i>	Construction, reconstruction, maintenance, or improvement of bikeways.
<i>Eligible applicants</i>	A governing body of a county, city or town may make an application to this program
<i>Contact</i>	Hugh Adams, 804-786-2744, hugh.adams@vdot.virginia.gov VDOT Local Assistance Division

**National Scenic Byways Program**

<i>Purpose</i>	This program supports projects to improve the quality and continuity of the traveler's experience on highways designated as National Scenic Byways, All American Roads, or a state scenic byway.
<i>Funding</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Up to 80% of a project can be financed with federal funds</li> <li>▪ A project must have a minimum 20% match</li> <li>▪ This is a reimbursable program</li> </ul>
<i>Eligible projects</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Construction of a facility for pedestrian and bicyclists along a scenic byway</li> <li>▪ Safety improvements to reduce or eliminate the incidence or likelihood of crashes or conflicts with bicyclists and pedestrian</li> </ul>
<i>Eligible applicants</i>	Any local government, state agency, group or individual may apply to the program.
<i>Contact</i>	Scenic Byways Program Staff VDOT Local Assistance Division 804-786-2264 h.chenault@vdot.virginia.gov www.bywaysonline.org, "Grants" section